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28 January 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Vaclovas SIDZIKAUSKAS

1. I met Mr. SIDZIKAUSKAS in New York on 25 January 1955 for the following purposes:

- a. To be introduced to Vincas RASTENIS, leader of the Nationalist Party and member of the Committee for a Free Lithuania, in order to discuss the situation caused by interception of a letter of his to Tomas SIDISKIS in Germany, and subsequent investigation of the matter by the German police. We had requested, through SIDZIKAUSKAS, that RASTENIS urge SIDISKIS to withdraw his complaint with the German police in interests of Lithuanian unity and the U.S. Government's concern lest its covert relationship with VLIK be uncovered.
- b. To learn any new developments in the move of VLIK From Germany to the United States.

2. The following is a resume of the conversation with SIDZIKAUSKAS:

- a. RASTENIS appears willing to cooperate in requesting the German police to drop the investigation, but would want to discuss the matter with me first. SIDZIKAUSKAS claimed that RASTENIS would use the opportunity to justify his stand on all other Lithuanian emigre disputes. A meeting was arranged for later in the day.
- b. SIDZIKAUSKAS believes that the movement of VLIK will be approved at the meeting of the party leaders scheduled for 5 February 1955. He believes some method will be worked out to make it appear that the move is sponsored and initiated by VLIK itself, rather than the party centers.
- c. I again reiterated our earlier request that Professor J. BRAZAITIS be placed in the Assembly of Captive Nations. SIDZIKAUSKAS said he would try to do so at the next meeting of the Lithuanian delegation. However, even though he said he thought he would succeed, he did not act very confident. He indicated that some of his strongest support to accomplish this would probably come from the Nationalists, even though BRAZAITIS has been an outspoken critic of the Nationalists, since the Nationalists have been seeking political harmony with BRAZAITIS.

3. SIDZIKAUSKAS expects to be in Washington on 31 January or 1 February 1955. He will telephone us at that time.

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